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1. SUMMARY: DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT KNIGHTON PROPOSAL PROVIDES POSSIBLE BASIS FOR OPENING DIALOGUE WITH RGA ON MAP FUTURE. WE ARE CONCERNED HOWEVER THAT IN ACCEPTING RESPONSIBILITY FOR DIRECT DISCIPLINARY ACTION AMBASSADOR MIGHT BE TAKING ON MORE PROBLEMS THAN NECESSARY. SUGGEST THEREFORE FORMULATION OF KNIGHTON PROPOSAL WHICH WOULD IN EFFECT LIMIT AMBASSADOR' S INVOLVEMENT TO ROLES AS CON-DUIT FOR RGA ACTION AGAINST INDIVIDUALS ACCUSED OF ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES WHILE WORKING FOR MAP IN AFGHANISTAN.

2. KNIGHTON' S PROPOSAL TO PLACE MAP " UNDER AUTHORITY OF CHIEF OF MISSION FOR DISCIPLINARY PURPOSES" COULD CREATE MANY NEW PROBLEMS FOR MISSION, IT COULD INVOLVE AMBASSADOR
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IN MAKING JUDGMENTS BASED ON EVIDENCE PRESENTED BY RGA, AND VERY LIKELY IN DISPUTES WITH RGA AND MAP ON BOTH VALIDITY OF EVIDENCE AND ILLEGALITY OF ACTION ALLEGED. WE CAN ALSO ENVISAGE UNPLEASANT POSSIBILITY OF MAP MEMBER INSISTING ON HAVING CHARGES PROVED, AND REA BEING UNWILLING OR UNABLE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE EVIDENCE OR EVEN TO REVEAL SOURCE OF INFORMA EXAMINATION FOR THREE OR FOUR DAYS, PRO-
BABLY AT JOHNS HOPKINS.

2. PEAL PRESENTED FOREGOING AS TENTATIVE PROGRAM WITH ACTUAL DATES DEPENDENT UPON PRESIDENT NIXON' S SCHEDULE, I. E. TOLBERT COULD ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON ON JUNE 3 IF MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR EARLY JUNE 4. ROGERS

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